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SUBJECT: VELASCO'S ALLEGATIONS RE AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA
AND ORTIZ

REF: LIMA 9646 AND 9655

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT
VELASCO IN HIS NOVEMBER 13 PRESS CONFERENCE AS REPORTED
REFTELS. WE NOTE THAT THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT RE-
LEASED CARRIES MUCH THE SAME ACCUSATIONS AGAINST
SIRACUSA AND ORTIZ AS THE TAPED VERSION. THESE ACCU-
SATIONS WHICH VELASCO KNOWS ARE NOT TRUE (SEE DEPTTEL
252481), COMING ON TOP OF THE GOP DECISION TO TERMINATE
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THE PEACE CORPS IN PERU RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT

GOP MOTIVES.

2. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK EARLIEST APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN DE LA FLOR AND ASK HIM TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO PRESIDENT VELASCO:

A. THE USG IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT TOTALLY UNFOUNDED PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST TWO SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH THE CIA.

B. WE RECALL THAT FIVE YEARS AGO SIMILAR CHARGES WERE MADE AGAINST FOUR OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY, INCLUDING MR. ORTIZ (MR. SIRACUSA HAD ALREADY DEPARTED PERU AND WAS NOT MENTIONED AMONG THE FOUR) AT WHICH TIME AMBASSADOR BELCHER ON BEHALF OF THE USG CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THESE CHARGES.

C. WE ESPECIALLY REGRET THAT AT THIS IMPORTANT AND DELICATE JUNCTURE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHEN BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE SEEKING TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND BROADEN AREAS OF COOPERATION, STATEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE WHICH WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH THE MUTUALLY SHARED OBJECTIVE OF FURTHERING A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

D. WE WANT THE GOP TO UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA NOR MR. ORTIZ HAVE HAD ANY PAST OR PRESENT CONNECTION WITH CIA NOR DID THEY ENGAGE IN ANY IMPROPER ACTIVITIES WHILE IN PERU. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY CARRIED OUT THEIR DIPLOMATIC RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE FULLEST RESPECT FOR PERUVIAN LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS.

E. IT WOULD BE BEST IF PERUVIANS COULD CORRECT THE ERROR. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM THE

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FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. WE WILL THEREFORE WITHHOLD ANY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE MOMENT. PRESS GUIDANCE SENT TO YOU TODAY SEPTTEL IS TO GUIDE YOUR RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WHEN AND IF IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT PERUVIANS ARE UNABLE THEMSELVES TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

F. WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS

MATTER BECAUSE SUCH UNFAIR AND INCORRECT
ACCUSATIONS CAN GRAVELY PREJUDICE THE POSITION
OF AN AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN
ANOTHER COUNTRY, AND AFFECT THE FUTURE CAREER
OF ONE OF THE FINE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS
IN ARA.

3. FOREGOING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY.
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